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Bourne Restaurant Fire Electrical

State Fire Marshal Stephen D. Coan and Acting Bourne Fire Chief David Kingsbury announced that the cause of the October 20, 2007 fire at the Mezza Luna restaurant at 253 Main Street in Bourne was electrical.

Chief Kingsbury said, "I want to thank the Bourne firefighters and all the mutual aid firefighters who worked hard to control this large blaze and acknowledge the solid work of the investigation team to quickly determine the cause."

Coan said, "It is sad when a community loses such a treasured landmark, but I am glad that all of the restaurant patrons and staff escaped unharmed."

The fire started at 4:30 p.m. when a wall socket behind the bar overheated due to an electrical fault. The fire traveled inside the walls through the balloon frame construction and erupted in the attic. The fire caused an estimated \$1.5 million in property damage and three firefighters received minor injuries.

Local investigators from the Bourne Fire Department and the Bourne Police Department and State Police assigned to the Office of the State Fire Marshal jointly investigated the fire. The Bourne wiring inspector provided technical assistance to the investigation.

According to the Massachusetts Fire Incident Reporting System (MFIRS), in 2006, there were two hundred and sixty-three (263) fires in restaurants and other eating and drinking establishments, causing one civilian injury, 12 firefighter injuries, and an estimated dollar loss of \$3.8 million.